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THEATRE BOOK CLUB TO MEET February 12 Library and Ensemble Theatre Group Discusses *The Liar*

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The Santa Barbara Public Library and Ensemble Theatre Company's "Theatre Book Club" meets on Tuesday, February 12 to discuss *The Liar*, a joyful French farce written by Corneille in the 17th century and adapted by David Ives in 2010. The book group, which is open to the public, starts at 5:30 PM in the Faulkner Gallery of the Santa Barbara Central Library, located at 40 E. Anapamu St. The discussion will be led by Ensemble's Executive Artistic Director, Jonathan Fox, and will focus on the literary and dramatic aspects of the play.

This is the 6th year of the public library/theatre company partnership program. Anyone who is interested in drama and theater is encouraged to attend the book club meetings -- no experience is necessary. The work being discussed is also playing at ETC's Alhecama Theatre, so patrons can read it, talk about it, and enjoy the performance all in the same month. In April, the group will discuss the play version of *The Year of Magical Thinking*, by Joan Didion, and June will bring *Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune*, by Terrence McNally.

"The book club discussions always increase my understanding of the play, whether I read it or attend the Ensemble Theatre Company performance, or both," said Chris Gallery, the librarian who coordinates the Theatre Book Club. "Jonathan's discussions bring out subtle meanings and new perspectives that really enhance my appreciation of the play."

Copies of *The Liar* are available for one-week loan at the Central Library in the Express Books area. For more information, contact the Reference Department of the Central Library at (805)564-5604.

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